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A WITCH
WILL SLAY THE CHILD
THE ORACLE FORETOLD WARN
WITH MAGIC SO UNBRIDLED
AND NOT OF HUMAN FORM
BUT IN A VOICE
NO HUMAN MAKES
WITH STRENGTH BEYOND
THE HUMAN NORM
AND EVEN DEATH
CAN'T OVERTAKE
THE SOLE SURVIVING
DEMON...

第1話

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"THERE ARE THOSE WHO KNOW THE WAY OF THE SPIRITS, AND WHO USE THE VERY METHODS OF THE DEMONS THEMSELVES..."
FRENCH JURIST JEAN BODIN (1529-1596)

第1話

walpurgis day

(ワルプルギスの日)

YES... I REMEMBER...
OHH...
THE BUS... THE ACCI-DENT...

AG! MY FACE! IT'S ALL CUT UP!
WHERE AM I?
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
Mmugh...

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GRANDMA, YOU'RE IN THE WAY.
SOME TEA?
Hirasaka Detective Agency
PM. 3 : 00
SO YOU FOUND HIM, THEN? YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS?
OF COURSE I DID.
THERE'S NO ONE I CAN'T LOCATE, SURE AS MY NAME'S MAKOTO HIRASAKA, P.I.

WHY?!
OR MAYBE NOT QUITE LIKE ALL THE OTHERS...
IT WAS JUST A BUS RIDE. A SIMPLE MISSING-PERSON CASE... LIKE ANY OTHER.
HOW DID IT EVER COME TO THIS?

HE'S NOT THE MARRYING KIND ANYMORE ..IF HE EVER WAS.
ALL THREE LADIES ESTABLISHED SOLID ALIBIS. AND THEN DID THE CRIME RIGHT.
YOU SEE, THERE WAS ANOTHER WOMAN THREE IN FACT, APART FROM YOU
THEY FOUND HIS HEAD IN NAGANO PREFECTURE TORSO IN HIWA LAKE. LEGS IN KOCHI, FLOATING OUT TO SEA
SO I GUESS IT'S YOUR CHOICE...

I'M GOING TO TELL HIM I DON'T LIKE BEING LEFT A WEEK BEFORE OUR WEDDING!
BUT I'M INTERESTED. WHAT DID YOU INTEND TO DO WHEN YOU FOUND HIM?
IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE HE DISAPPEARED! I SEARCHED ..I TRIED EVERYTHING! HOW COULD YOU HAVE FOUND HIM SO SOON?!
AND THEN I'LL MAKE HIM MARRY ME
WELL, THAT MAY BE DIFFICULT
WHY ?!
YOU SHOULD HAVE TRIED ME FIRST!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
THESE EXTRA POUNDS ARE FROM STRESS. SEE HOW PRETTY I LOOKED THREE YEARS AGO!

EXCUSE ME... ARE YOU THE WARLOCK?
THAT'LL AT LEAST PAY YOUR WAGES.
BUT YOUR FEE!
YOU FINISHED THE JOB ...!
THAT IS... I HEARD A REVIEW ABOUT YOUR SERVICES. THEY SAID YOU WERE SO GOOD IT MUST BE WITCHCRAFT.
DOES THIS LOOK LIKE A WITCH'S DEN TO YOU? HE'S A NORMAL YOUNG MAN!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, GRANDMA
.....
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TAKE YOU TO NAGANO, OR SHIGA, OR KOCHI?
HIYAAH!
YOU SHOULDN'T MOCK YOUR CUSTOMERS. I WON'T BE BACK.
BUT, MISS, THE PAYMENT.
DON'T WORRY. I ALREADY TOOK A DEPOSIT.

THAT REVIEW MIGHT HAVE TOLD YOU I'M EXPENSIVE AS WELL AS GOOD IF WHAT YOU WANT IS CLEVER WISECRACKS, I'D BE HAPPY TO SUGGEST--
どさっ
I'VE GOT MONEY AND I CAN PAY IN ADVANCE.
GRANDMA, BRING THE LADY SOME TEA!!
NOTHING TO TELL, ACTUALLY. NAME, AGE, SEX--ALL UNKNOWN
COME AGAIN?
I CAN HANDLE SHORT NOTICE. TELL ME ABOUT THE SOMEONE
I KNOW IT'S SHORT NOTICE, BUT I'D LIKE YOU TO RIDE THE 5 O'CLOCK BUS AND LOOK FOR SOMEONE AT THE FINAL STOP.
BUT I NEED YOU TO FIND THEM, AND I KNOW WHAT THIS PERSON IS...
A REAL LIVE WICCAN WITCH.

Hirasaka Detective Agency
YOU WANT ME TO TURN DOWN A MILLION YEN JOB? I'LL JUST HOP THE BUS AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY LIKELY CANDIDATES ON BOARD.
YOU'RE NOT REALLY GOING OUT LOOKING FOR WITCHES?!
WELL, THAT'S IT FOR TODAY, GRANNY YOU CAN GO HOME.
BUT WHAT KIND OF PERSON HIRES OUT WORK LIKE THIS?! HOW DO WE KNOW SHE'S NOT A WITCH HUNTER?!
SHE COULD BE DOING INCANTATIONS IN ANOTHER ROOM SOMEWHERE! DON'T FORGET WHAT YOU ARE, MAKOTO!

AND WHEN YOU FIND THIS WITCH?
I'LL HAVE MY WISHES GRANTED.
PLEASE. I NEED YOU TO FIND THIS WITCH FOR ME.
I PRINTED UP THE DETAILS. THE BUS, THE SCHEDULE.
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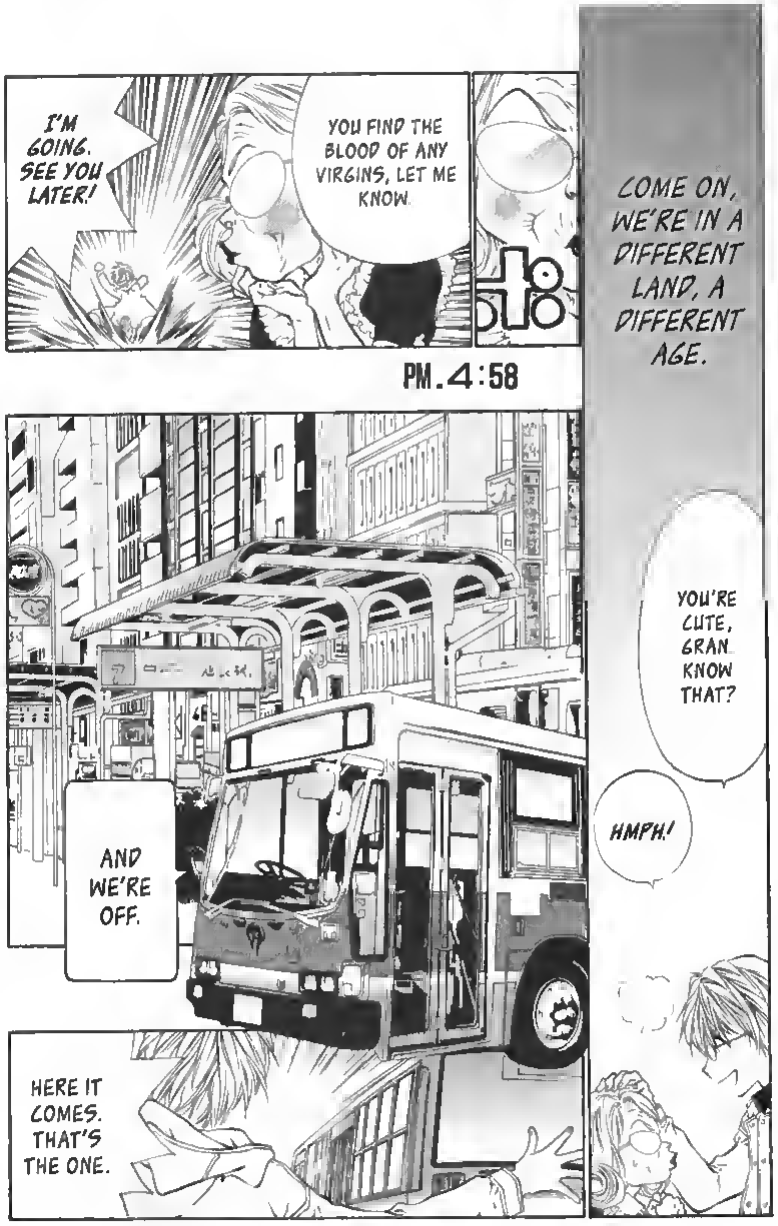
AH. I MADE IT.


I'M GOING. SEE YOU LATER!
YOU FIND THE BLOOD OF ANY VIRGINS, LET ME KNOW.
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COME ON, WE'RE IN A DIFFERENT LAND, A DIFFERENT AGE.
AND WE'RE OFF.
HERE IT COMES. THAT'S THE ONE.
YOU'RE CUTE, GRAN. KNOW THAT?
HMPH!

OH... I DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE HEADED THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS.
THAT'S WEIRD. IT'S ONLY BEEN TEN MINUTES SINCE WE LEFT THE STATION.
WITH THE SIXTH SIGIL OF SATURN ON THE BACK...
Board Bus
DRIVER! STOP THE BUS! I NEED TO GET OFF!

EXCUSE ME?
HI, THERE. SAY, WHERE'S THIS BUS GOING?
I...THINK IT GOES ALL THE WAY TO THE GENERAL HOSPITAL
WHERE ARE YOU TRYING TO GO?
NOWHERE BUT I WAS INSTRUCTED TO RIDE THIS SPECIFIC BUS.
WHAT? YOU MEAN SOUTHSIDE PARK, RIGHT?
HUH? IT'S GOING THE OTHER WAY
CRAP, THEN I'M ON THE WRONG BUS?!
NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT. SEE THIS NOTE?
ARE YOU WITH THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY?

THE SIXTH SIGIL OF SATURN WILL WREAK RUIN AND DISASTER. FIRST, IT WILL CLOUD THEIR JUDGMENT...AND THEN IT WILL DIG THEIR GRAVES!
"I NEED YOU TO FIND THIS WITCH FOR ME."

DRIVER ?
EVERYONE GRAB ON TO SOMETHING!

DAMMIT! I'VE GOT TO LEARN TO JUDGE MY CLIENTS BETTER! SHE WAS A WITCH HERSELF!
BLOOD! SOMEONE STOP THE BLEEDING!
THIS IS THE END! THERE'S NO WAY OUT!
WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE LIKE THAT BUS DRIVER!
GREAT, MAKOTO, WHAT HAVE YOU GOT YOURSELF INTO?!
HOLD ON! I'LL FIND A WAY TO FIX YOU UP!
ALMOST EVERYONE HERE IS A WITCH, YOU KNOW.
HEY, THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO DO!
OUT OF THE WAY! WE'VE GOT TO STOP THE BLEEDING!

TRYING HOW? SHE'S GOT A GIANT GASH! UNLESS YOU KNOW WITCHCRAFT, STEP ASIDE!
WHAT KIND OF SPELL IS THAT?
NOT A SPELL. JUST A GOOD LUCK CHARM
MAYBE ENOUGH LUCK TO GET US OUT OF HERE
DON'T WORRY, GIRLS. THE CARDS WILL PROTECT US!
OH, MIDORI HAS HER TAROTS! THANK GOODNESS!
EEK!
WHAT NOW?

WHAT'S THIS DOING IN MY TAROT DECK?! IT'S A BAD OMEN!
THIS... NO... I HAD IT FROM BEFORE.
HEY... WHAT'S THAT BRUISE?
SOON... VERY SOON...
YOU WILL ALL BE DEAD
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
WHAT GETS ME IS HOW LITTLE WE ALL GOT HURT AFTER A CRASH LIKE THAT!
AND YOU .. WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOUR EYE?

FIRST I'M HIRED TO FIND A WITCH.
NOW IT LOOKS LIKE I'M IN A WHOLE PARTY OF THEM.
WAS IT TRUE WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE ...?
HOW COULD SHE HAVE SAID ANYTHING? SHE'S LOST SO MUCH BLOOD SHE'S NOT EVEN CONSCIOUS.
IT IS TRUE.
IT'S THE REASON YOU WERE ALL ON THAT BUS. AN ASSEMBLY OF WITCHES.

THIS SIGIL IS EVERY-WHERE!
WHAT DOES IT MEAN ...?
STOP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHAT DID YOU SAY A LITTLE WHILE AGO? "ALMOST EVERYONE HERE IS A WITCH"?
ARRGH!

MAHIRO OGATA, THE MIRACULOUS SURVIVOR OF A SCHOOL FIRE TWO YEARS AGO.
AND THE FOUR ATTACK-ERS? ALL COMATOSE
THE CEILING CAVED IN, INJURING THEM... BUT NOT HER.
THEY'VE CALLED YOU "WOUNDLESS WITCH" EVER SINCE. A FEW DAYS AGO, FOUR BOY STUDENTS ATTACKED YOU... SO VIOLENTLY YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN SINCE.
THE "WOUNDLESS WITCH" STILL BEARS NO WOUND.
AND THAT LEAVES YOU-- MAKOTO HIRASAKA, THE CLAIRVOYANT DETECTIVE.

RINKO KISARAGI, FROM THE MONONOGI VILLAGE BLOODLINE IN KOCHI PREFECTURE, MISTRESS OF CHARMS AND SPELLS.
YUNAGI AND YAGISA MIDO.
AND MIDORI KUSANAGI, TAROT CARD READER. SHE'S ALSO A MASTER MANIPULATOR, CAPABLE OF MESMERIZING AND BRAINWASHING AN ENTIRE CROWD.
TWINS WITH COMPLEMENTARY POWERS. ONE HEARS THE DEAD, ONE SEES THEIR FORM. TOGETHER, YOU CAN SENSE THE NETHERWORLD'S SECRETS.
H-HOW DARE YOU...?!

CHANNELING.
SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO RESEARCH. SHE HAS THE PSYCHIC POWER TO KNOW WHO WE ALL REALLY ARE.
LIKE THE FAMOUS BRITISH PSYCHIC EDGAR CAYCE. HE TAPPED INTO UNKNOWN REALMS IN A SLEEPLIKE TRANCE, SPEAKING PROPHECY IN A STRANGE VOICE.
THAT'S RIGHT, ISN'T IT?
AND LIKE ALL OF YOU, I'VE BEEN SET UP... PUT HERE AS THE PREY IN A DEADLY WITCH HUNT.
EXACTLY. MY NAME IS CHIAKI KIRIYU. AND I'M A MEDIUM.

YOU ACT LIKE YOU'VE DONE RESEARCH ON ALL OF US. JUST WHO ARE YOU?!
H-HOLD ON! I'M NOT ONE OF YOU! I WAS HIRED TO *FIND* A WITCH.
IS THAT SO? BUT ISN'T YOUR *TRUE BOSS* A GREAT KING WHO COMMANDS LEGIONS OF DARK FORCES? THESE DEMONIC FORCES-- AND YOU--OBEY CONTRACTS WRITTEN BY PURSON HIMSELF, *THE EMPEROR OF HELL!*
THAT'S THE PUREST KIND OF WITCH-CRAFT, IS IT NOT?
ZZZZ
WHA...? YOU MEAN SHE'S SLEEP-TALKING?

THE KILLERS HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR. THEIR HATRED WILL BRING THEM HERE.
第2話
wanted
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YOU MEAN... SOMEONE'S GOING TO HUNT US...?!

YES. THAT'S WHY WE WERE ALL BROUGHT HERE, CALLED TO THIS SPOT.
IT'S THE FINAL STAGE. AND WHICHEVER OF YOU SURVIVES WILL ADVANCE TO TRUE, ALL-POWERFUL WITCHDOM!
WITCH HUNT...?

第1話／完

HEY! CHECK OUT THIS SITE!
"NOW RECRUITING WITCH HUNTERS?" GIVE ME A BREAK.
AND A LIST OF CHICKS THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE WITCHES? THOSE CAN'T BE THEIR REAL NAMES.
WAIT, I KNOW THAT GIRL. SHE'S A FAMOUS TAROT READER.
DOES THAT MAKE HER A WITCH?
HOLD ON! THAT ONE REALLY IS A WITCH!
OR ELSE IT'S SOMEONE'S IDEA OF A JOKE..
HUH? IT WON'T LET ME CLOSE THE WEBPAGE IS THIS FOR REAL?
COME ON, LET'S FIND SOME-THING THAT--

IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT HAG THAT MY FRIENDS ARE IN THE HOSPITAL!
Intensive Care
DOCTOR! THOSE FOUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN COMAS... THEY'VE ALL DISAPPEARED!
IMPOSSIBLE! WITH THOSE INJURIES THEY SHOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO WALK!

THE ONES WHO COME TO HUNT...
...ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE WE'VE DONE THEM WRONG.
JOIN US, AND HELP WITH THE WITCH HUNT.
AND THOSE THAT JUST WANT TO PLAY.
AND THOSE HUNGRY FOR BLOOD.
AND THOSE WHO DESPISE US FOR WHAT WE ARE...
...OR JUST FEAR WHAT THEY DON'T UNDER-STAND.
AND THERE IS ONE THAT BROUGHT THEM ALL TOGETHER...
...FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS MURDEROUS CHASE!

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE REVENGE ON THE ONE WHO STOLE YOUR LUCK AWAY... BEFORE YOU DIE?
RRRRRR
RRRRRR
RRRRRRRRRR
HELLO?

TO TRY AND GET A SIGNAL. MY MOBILE ISN'T WORKING, BUT MAYBE IF I MOVE AROUND A BIT...
HEY, WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
WE SHOULD STAY TOGETHER! DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT THE MEDIUM SAID?
WE'RE NOT WITCHES, IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING BUT WHERE MIDORI GOES, WE GO.
YES, SHE SAID I'M A WITCH. SO MAYBE I NEED TO GO USE MY TAROT CARDS.
HEY ...!!
NOOOOO!
"NO" IS RIGHT. THIS IS TOO SICK TO IMAGINE! WE'RE STILL JUST KIDS!

KEEP QUIET AND WATCH. RINKO KISARAGI
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THE TWO CHARMS OF MARS...
THE GOD OF WAR AND WIELDER OF THE SABER WAS ONCE THE GOD OF SPRING, AND HE HAS THE POWER TO HARM AND TO HEAL...

I DIDN'T... SAY ANY-THING WEIRD, DID I? WHILE I WAS OUT...?
YOU ALL RIGHT?
NOT REALLY. JUST THAT WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT.
GREAT. NOT AN ORACLE YOU CAN PUT A LOT OF FAITH IN.
AND THAT WE HAVE TO HELP EACH OTHER.

THEY CALL IT THE "CIRCLE OF CONSECRATION"... A SORT OF ASTROLOGICAL SEAL THAT WILL MAGICALLY EMPOWER ALL OF US WITCHES INSIDE THE CIRCLE.
BUT WHAT'S THAT? SOME KIND OF SPECIAL TALISMAN?
A CURE-ALL FROM THE NETHER-WORLD... THAT'S WHAT MY MOM USED TO SAY.
MY MOM TAUGHT ME ABOUT THIS STUFF JUST LIKE THE ABC'S
SHE WAS PROBABLY A WITCH
YOU GIRLS STAY THERE, OKAY?
"THAT'S THE PUREST KIND OF WITCHCRAFT, IS IT NOT?"
ANYWAY, SHE'S PASSED ON

AH...
OH...
WHAT...? WHAT IN THE WORLD *ARE* YOU?
I THINK YOU CALLED ME A *WITCH*, DIDN'T YOU?

THANK YOU. I HOPE YOU SURVIVE.
HEY, YOU'RE NOT LEAVING, ARE YOU?!
SOMEONE'S GOT TO GET BACK TO CIVILIZATION AND BRING HELP, RIGHT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE ME SOUND GAY!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! ARE YOU A MAN WITCH?
YOU'RE GOING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN BY YOURSELF?
YOU JUST KEEP THE FLOCK QUIET, ALL RIGHT?
WELL... WHAT KIND OF MAN LEAVES BEHIND A FLOCK OF SCHOOLGIRLS?
OOF!
WAIT A SECOND.
YOU FIND SOMEONE BACK IN CIVILIZATION, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO KNOW IT'S NOT A WITCH HUNTER?
I SEE YOUR POINT.
YOU BEWITCHING MINX.

AND I'M GOING WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE WE DO. WE'LL BRING BACK HELP FOR EVERYONE. UNITED WE STAND, NO?
WE'RE ALL GOING TO SURVIVE!
WHOOPS!

YOU KNOW SOME-THING...
YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE I'VE EVER REALLY SEEN. SOMEONE WHO CASTS CHARMS FOR A LIVING.
I MEAN, YES, I KNOW HOW TO BREAK A FEW SPELLS. AND IF YOU COME OUT OF AN EXORCISM, I CAN HELP REHABILITATE YOU.
BUT WHAT I DO IS *FIX* PEOPLE... CURE THEM FROM BRUSHES WITH BLACK MAGIC. I DON'T *WORK* THE MAGIC OR GO AROUND MIXING WITCH'S BREW.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I DO.
BUT YOU SURE KNOW YOUR STUFF, DON'T YOU? MY MONEY'S ON YOU FOR SURVIVING TO THE LAST.

THAT'S NOT GOOD! THOSE GIRLS ARE IN NO CONDITION TO...
"AND WHICHEVER OF YOU SURVIVES..."
"WHICHEVER OF YOU SURVIVES?!" SHOULDN'T SHE HAVE SAID, "WHICHEVER OF US?!"
QUICK! WE'VE GOT TO GO BACK!
TH-THERE WAS THAT CREEPY VOICE...
W-WELL WE DIDN'T WANT TO HANG AROUND BACK THERE.
WHAT? THE TWINS ARE COMING TOO?
D...
DIE!!
SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? ALL YOU LEFT BACK AT THE CLEARING WERE THOSE OTHER TWO?
DIE, ALL YOU INGRATE PASSENGERS. DIE!

WAS HE HURT? WILL HE BE ALL RIGHT?
HELLO... YES... OH, MY...!
RRRRRR
WHAT?
HE'S GOING TO BE FINE.
JUST SOME SCARS ON HIS LEG.

WHERE IS HE? IT'S NOT LIKE HIM TO BE THIS LATE...
DADDY WAS IN A CAR ACCIDENT.
THE FIRST PERSON TO NOTICE I TALKED IN MY SLEEP WAS MY MOTHER.

CHIAKI...? WHAT ARE YOU...?
CHIAKI... YOU'RE... SLEEPING?
I'LL BE DEAD SOON, MANGLED TO BITS...
UP IN THE MOUNTAINS, KILLED BY A STRANGE MAN. ALONE...

DO YOU UNDERSTAND? I NEED YOU TO PROMISE.
CHIAKI, AFTER YOU EAT, I NEED YOU TO HELP ME CLEAN UP.
BECAUSE OF THAT I NEVER GOT TO GO ON OVERNIGHT SCHOOL TRIPS...NEVER WENT TO SLEEPOVERS...
PEOPLE MUSTN'T HEAR YOU TALK LIKE THAT.
YOU MAY AS WELL LEARN. YOU'LL BE DOING THIS EVERY DAY ONCE YOU MARRY.
I WILL NEVER MARRY.
BUT ONE DAY...ONE DAY I WAS SO TIRED...
SO YOU CAN NEVER EVER SLEEP IN FRONT OF ANYONE ELSE.

AND NOW I FINALLY UNDERSTAND.
IT TAKES OVER WHEN I'M ASLEEP. IT TALKS TO PEOPLE.
THE OTHER ME KNOWS THINGS.
IN TIME I REALIZED.
SORRY. DID I DO IT AGAIN?
SAY WEIRD THINGS IN MY SLEEP?
...IT'S LIKE THERE'S ANOTHER PERSON--ANOTHER VERSION OF ME--INSIDE OF MY BODY.

NOOO!
AH!
AH!
GASP!
FIRST, HE'LL SLASH MY THROAT. THEN HE'LL RIP OPEN MY CHEST, THEN MY STOMACH. AFTER THAT, HE'LL CHOP MY FINGERS CLEAN AWAY.
I'LL BE OPENED UP LIKE A GUTTED FISH. .AND I'LL BE LEFT TO DIE.
AND SO I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO MARRY.
OW! MOM!
NO! YOU WON'T DIE! YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO THE MOUNTAINS, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?! NEVER EVER!!!

第3話 weirdness
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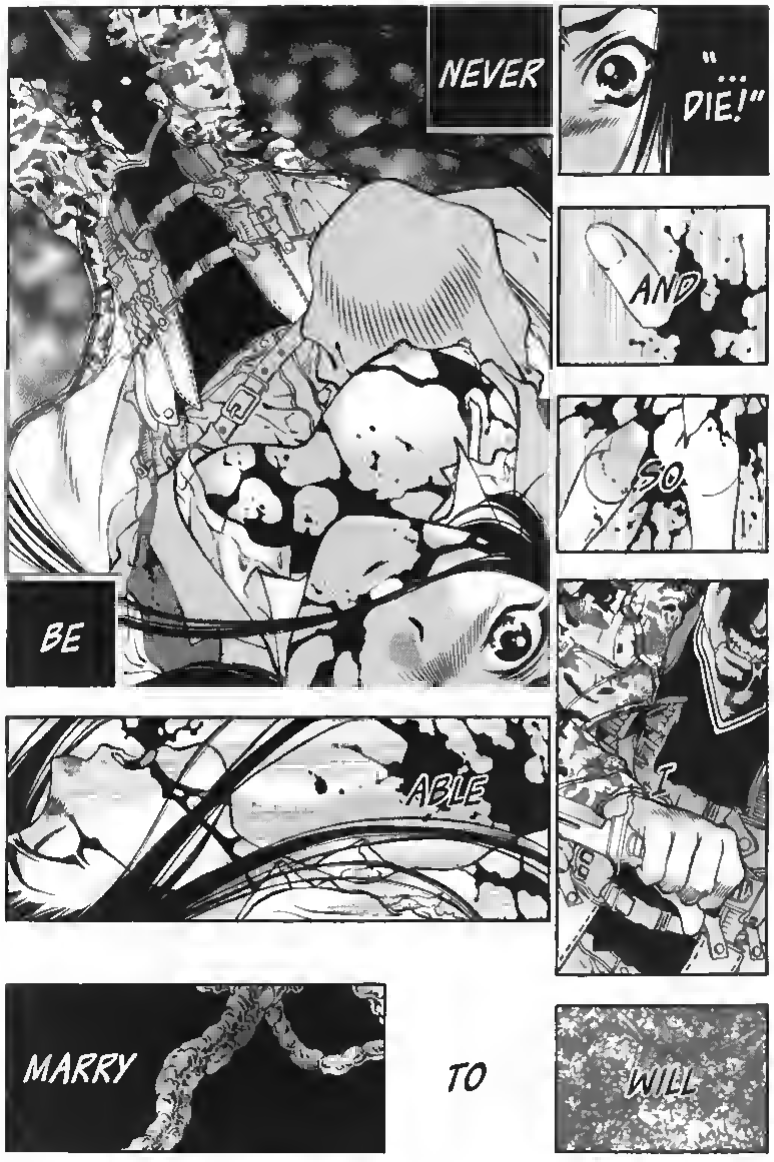
第2話 完

"...CHOP MY FINGERS CLEAN AWAY?"
"...THEN MY STOMACH!"
"...HE'LL RIP OPEN MY CHEST..."
URK!!
"...I'LL BE OPENED UP LIKE A GUTTED FISH...AND I'LL BE LEFT TO..."

"FIRST HE'LL SLASH MY THROAT..."

I'M SORRY, MOTHER...
WHEEZE
HUFF
PANT


NEVER
"...DIE!"
AND
SO
BE
ABLE
I
MARRY
TO
WILL

OH...
NO...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I KNEW THIS
WAS COMING.
I KNEW
IT WOULD
HAPPEN
HERE...JUST
LIKE THIS.

CHIAKI ...?
SHE'S GONE.
IT'S..IT'S HORRIBLE...

NO. THAT'S NOT HER.
SHE'S STILL ALIVE!
IT'S THE ORACLE INSIDE. THIS IS THE MEDIUM'S LAST READING.
BE CAREFUL. THERE ARE ELEVEN HUNTERS.
SOME TRAVEL IN PACKS... MOST VICIOUS AND CRUEL.

WE'RE THE TARGETS. ALL OF US.
FROM BEHIND...?
IT'S A WITCH HUNT.
THE KILLER'S AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE, WATCHING FROM NEARBY, I'LL BET.
QUIT IT, YOU TWO! NO CRYING!
OH NO!
WE'RE DOOMED!
AND DECIDING WHO'S NEXT...
MAHIRO? HOW COME YOU DIDN'T GET HURT?
RINKO!
DID YOU SEE THE KILLER? WHAT DID HE LOOK LIKE? TELL US!
THIS WAS A KILLER WHO ENJOYED HIS WORK. POOR CHIAKI. SHE'D HAVE CRIED OUT IF SHE SAW HIM, SO HE MUST HAVE COME OUT OF THE DARKNESS FROM BEHIND.
LEAVE HER ALONE. IF SHE SAW SHE'D TELL US, RIGHT?

WHERE DO YOU THINK WE ARE?
WE'RE GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS, RIGHT?
WHY DON'T YOU TELL OUR FORTUNES, MIDORI? THAT'S YOUR JOB.
HUH?
"I'LL GET YOU ALL THE SAME WAY!"
THIS WAS A MESSAGE... FROM THE HUNTER.

REMEMBER AYU TAKTSUKI FROM CLASS B...
I HAVEN'T USED THE TAROTS AT ALL...!
HOW DARE YOU USE THE TAROTS TO SET US INTO A PANIC!
ISN'T AYU GREAT? SHE GOT THAT PUBLISHER'S PRIZE FOR HER DRAWINGS. SHE'S GOING TO BE MAKING HER BIG DEBUT SOON.
IT'S WONDER-FUL!
MIDORI, WOULD YOU PLEASE DIVINE MY FUTURE?

COME ON, WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THE FUTURE?
I'M GOING TO BE AN ACTRESS, RIGHT? THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID.
AND I'M GOING TO HAVE MY OWN BUSINESS.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR GAMES!
COME ON, MIDORI. WE ALL NEED TO FEEL BETTER.
LOOK AT THE CONDITION I'M IN! I'M IN NO SHAPE TO PREDICT OUR FUTURES!
WHAT THE...?

AND A YEAR FROM NOW... YOU'LL GO BLIND.
SO. YOU DO REMEMBER
ARE YOU SAYING I WAS WRONG? THAT WAS ONLY THREE MONTHS AGO.

OH...UM... THIS ISN'T GOOD.
SURE, FINE.
THANK YOU.
YOUR PUBLISHER IS GOING BANKRUPT. IT'LL BE THE WORST TIME OF YOUR LIFE...
IT'S NOT GOING TO GO WELL FOR YOU.

IT'S WORKING! WE'RE IN RANGE, THEN!
RRRRRR
THAT'S MY MOBILE.
PRIVATE
HURRY UP, MIDORI! ANSWER!!
RRRRRR
I FOUND YOU. WITCHES.
HE- HELLO?

SHE WASN'T JUST PLAYING HOOKY.
YES, BUT POOR AYU STARTED MISSING SCHOOL AFTER THAT. DID YOU EVER HEAR WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?
SHE KILLED HERSELF.
WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS? YOU'RE THE ONES ASKING ME TO DO THE CARDS!

RRR
THE RINGING IS COMING FROM OVER HERE!
FIND IT! IT'S OUR WAY BACK HOME!
RRR
RRR
RRRRRR
RRRRRR
RRRRRR
THERE IT IS!
HI. WHICH ONE OF YOU GIRLS IS MIDORI KUSANAGI?

BECAUSE WE NEED TO PHONE FOR HELP.
WHAT? WHY'D YOU HANG UP?
EEP!
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
RRR
R
YIKES!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

HEY, YOU WEREN'T KIDDING. WAY TO GO, LEECH!
NOT *PERSONALLY.* BUT THERE'S A BUNCH OF STUFF ABOUT *YOU* UP ON THE WEB.
UH-HUH. ON MY WAY BACK.
YO, DUDES, IT'S ME. YEAH, I FOUND HER.
pweep
AND WHY IS THERE A LOT OF STUFF ABOUT ME ON THE WEB?
BECAUSE I'M KNOWN AS A TAROT READER? ARE YOU SAYING THE POLICE LEARNED ABOUT THE ACCIDENT AND...?

N-NEITHER.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU ALL. MY FRIENDS AND I HAVE A CAR RIGHT OVER THERE.
THANK GOODNESS, WE'RE SAVED!
AH, THEN IT MUST BE *YOU.*
THAT VOICE... JUST NOW...?
DO WE KNOW EACH OTHER?

第4話
wretch(卑劣漢)

YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW, MIDORI?
A WITCH WHO DOESN'T KNOW?

第3話／完

AHH!
OH!
OH!
BUT I'VE NEVER SENSED IT SO STRONGLY BEFORE...!!
I DIDN'T THINK THE IMAGES OF DISASTER COULD BE CONNECTED TO ME...
WE WANT YOU ALL DEAD!
DIE ALL TOGETHER!
DIE, YOU WITCHES!

OKAY, COME ON, WE'VE GOT TO GET MOVING.
GOOD GIRL, MAHIRO.
HOLD ON! MAHIRO, ARE YOU SURE THAT'S THE RIGHT WAY?

WE'RE ALL THE TARGETS OF THE WITCH HUNTERS. THAT MEANS THERE ARE OTHERS WHO KNOW WHO THE WITCHES ARE...

IT...IT'S GOT POOR CHIAKI'S BLOOD ALL OVER IT...
N-NO WAY.
HERE. YOU CARRY IT.
AND TO DO THAT, WE HAVE TO USE EVERY TRICK WE'VE GOT. YOU NEED TO PUT A CURSE ON THIS WITCH HUNTER!
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SQUEAMISH, DAMMIT! WE GOT TO MAKE IT OUT OF HERE! ALL OF US!

OF COURSE IT IS.
AND WE'RE TAKING THE KILLER'S WEAPONS WITH US TOO.
WHAT?
Ew!
aq!

NAH. NO PROBLEM.
OH...! I'M SORRY. YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU? CALMER NOW?
WHAT'S THAT FOR?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

A C-CURSE? I CAN'T DO THAT. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIS NAME.
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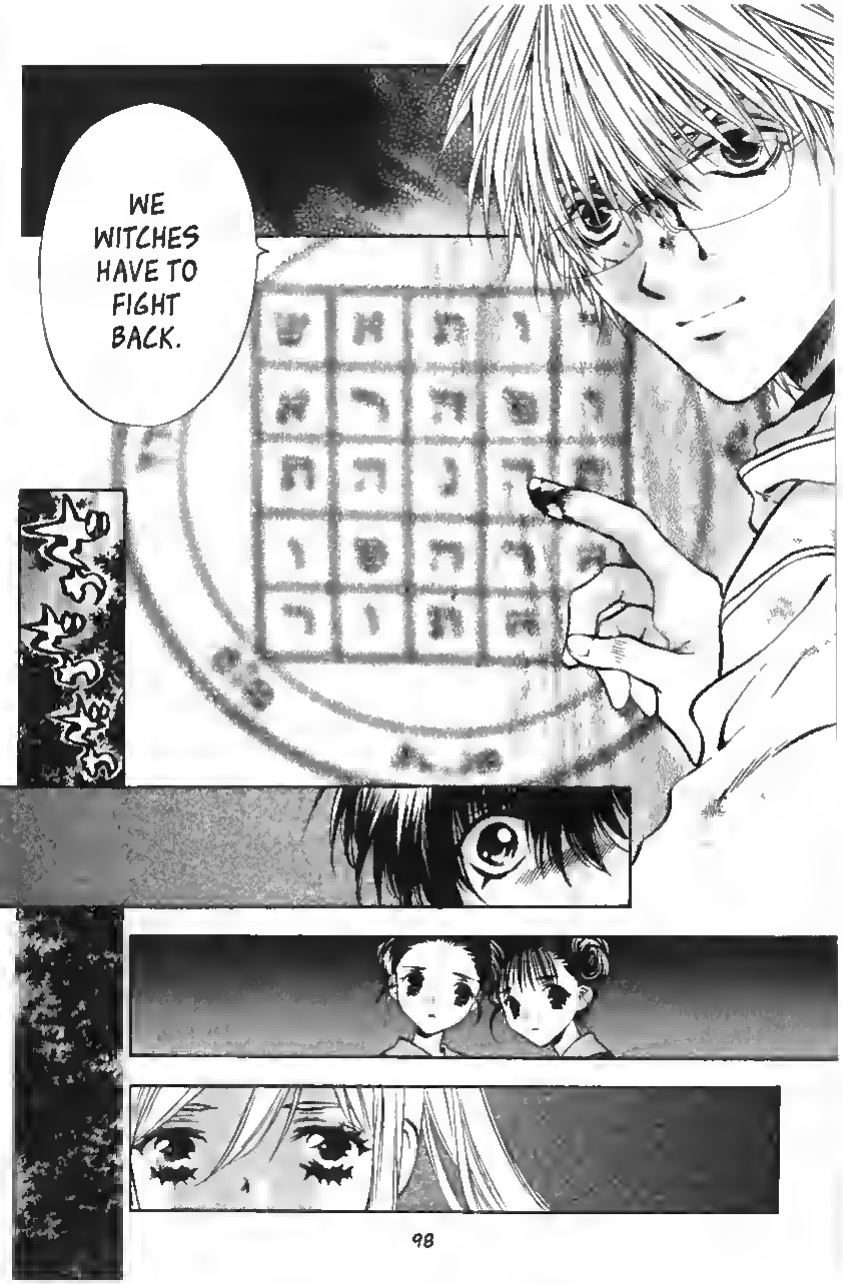
WE WITCHES HAVE TO FIGHT BACK.

OW..
HELP..
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

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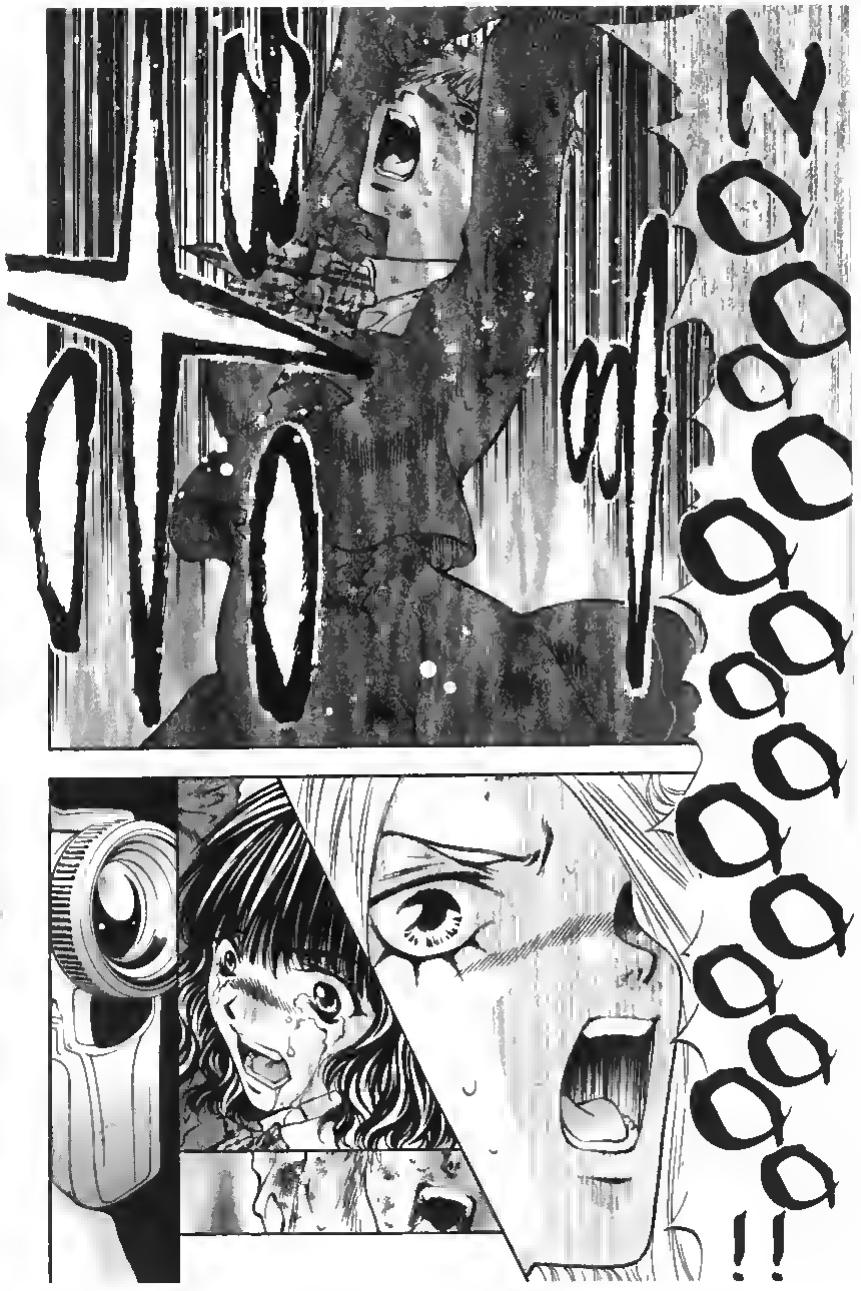
LET US GO! MIDORI'S THE WITCH! NOT US!
HMPH. SOME FRIENDS YOU ARE.
SHE DRAGGED US INTO THIS! YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE US!
WE'RE JUST HER CLASS-MATES!
Ow!
YOU BIG DOPE!
KEEPERS? SISTERS? HIPSTERS?
BUT YOU WERE WITH A WITCH. AND THAT MAKES YOU...WHAT'S IT CALLED?

YEAH. DO ANYTHING YOU WANT.
I DUNNO, NIGHTMARE. SHOULD WE SHOW 'EM?
WE'LL STILL GET OUR PRIZE, RIGHT, LEECH? THE WEBSITE SAID EXTREME FORCE WAS OKAY, DIDN'T IT?
"SOME TRAVEL IN PACKS - MOST VICIOUS AND CRUEL"
SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW? ARE WE BURNED AT THE STAKE?
THESE JERKS ARE THE HUNTERS?!

BUT THIS IS THE TRIAL! ALL FAIR, LIKE I SAID!
NO! KEEP THAT FLAME AWAY!
...A LITTLE HOT!
OF COURSE, IT MAY GET...
THIS'LL PROBABLY SINGE A BIT, BUT IT AIN'T GONNA KILL YA.

WITCH'S HELPERS. THEY'RE CALLED WITCH'S HELPERS!
WE'LL GIVE YOU ALL A FAIR TRIAL BEFORE WE FIND YOU GUILTY.
NO! WE'RE NOT! LET US GO!
THAT SMELLS LIKE KEROSENE...
UGH!
RELAX, GIRLS. WE'RE CIVILIZED

AS FOR YOU, LITTLE GIRL... WITCH COURT IS NOW IN SESSION
GAH!
AHHH!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S-SATOKO!
おおおお
YOU WANT US TO STOP, THAT'S EASY. ALL YOU GOT TO SAY IS, "I AM A WITCH."
MUTSUMI!
GET IT? CONFESS AND THE TRIAL PART'LL BE OVER.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SKELETON?
HMM. STILL HARD TO SAY.
MAYBE IN THE FORE-HEAD.
CHECK IT OUT. THE SKULL RING STILL ISN'T LEAVING ANY MARK.
gasp
choke
I GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO PUNCH HARDER, THEN.

WAIT! STOP! LISTEN TO ME! I'VE GOT SOME TAROT CARDS IN MY POCKET!
YOU MEAN THESE?
YES, THOSE!
MAYBE YOU'D LIKE A WITCH TO DIVINE YOUR FORTUNE?
I CAN TELL YOUR FUTURE, GUIDE YOU TO RICHES!
AND MAYBE GIVE MYSELF A CHANCE TO GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE.

OH, WELL, THAT WAS ALL JUST TO OPEN, ANYHOW.
THE MAIN EVENT IS THE WITCH RAPE SCENE...
WHAT DO YOU SAY? ARE WE FINISHING UP?

AHHHHHHHHH!
HEY!

DEATH
TOWER
SORRY, WE AIN'T INTO FORTUNE TELLING.

第5話
wag（おどけ者）

第4話／完

YOU QUEER, CAN'T YOU SEE WE WERE JUST GETTING TO THE--
--POINT ?!
BAD MOVE! YOU SHOT YOUR WAD AND YOU WON'T GET TO RELOAD!

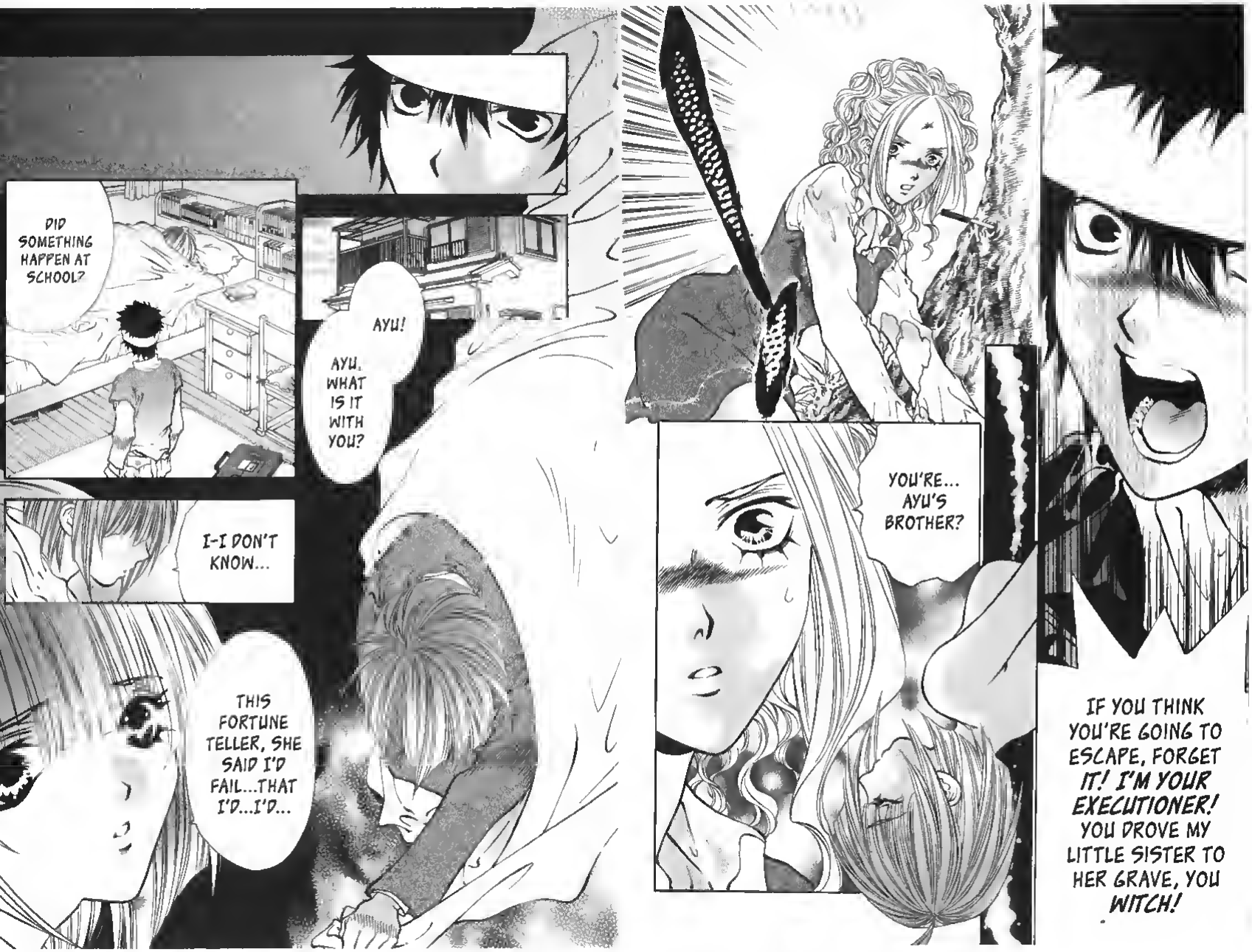
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
YOU WANT TO BAG A HAG, GO FIND YOUR OWN.
A WITCH HUNTER, SAME AS YOU. AND I WANT THAT WITCH YOU'RE FONDLING.
YOU NUTBAG! THAT HURT!

CRAP!
C-COME ON, LET'S GO.
THERE'S STILL SUPPOSED TO BE SIX MORE.
YEAH, WE CAN FIND ANOTHER WITCH.
MOVE OFF...
NEXT ONE PIERCES SOMETHING MORE VITAL. SO IT'S YOUR CALL...
...OR GO DOWN?

UGH!

YOU'RE MY CATCH, GET IT? MY PRIZE!
IS THERE NO ONE HERE BUT HUNTERS AND THE HUNTED?
ANYBODY?
S-SOME-BODY!
NOW DON'T MOVE!
GASP!

YOU TWO OKAY? STILL ALIVE, IT LOOKS LIKE.
I...DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU. I WAS REALLY SCARED. I'M SO GRATEFUL.
YOU'RE WHAT?
MAYBE YOU WERE TOO SHOOK-UP TO UNDERSTAND. I DIDN'T COME HERE TO HELP YOU...


DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AT SCHOOL?
AYU!
AYU, WHAT IS IT WITH YOU?
I-I DON'T KNOW...
THIS FORTUNE TELLER, SHE SAID I'D FAIL...THAT I'D...I'D...
YOU'RE... AYU'S BROTHER?
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO ESCAPE, FORGET IT! I'M YOUR EXECUTIONER! YOU DROVE MY LITTLE SISTER TO HER GRAVE, YOU WITCH!

OH COME ON, YOU'LL BE FINE! YOU'VE GOT TALENT AND LUCK. NO DUMB FORTUNE TELLER'S GOING TO CHANGE THAT.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE GREAT! YOUR BOOKS'LL BE BEST SELLERS, AYU. I CAN TELL.
THAT SETTLES IT. I'M GETTING STARTED ON MY NEXT PIECE.
YES... YOU'RE RIGHT!
M-MIDORI KUSANAGI?!
THIS GIRL SHE'S A FAMOUS TAROT READER HER NAME'S MIDORI
WHO SAID THAT?
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO...?! I'M SO FRIGHTENED!
SHE TOLD ME THE PUBLISHING COMPANY WOULD CLOSE. AND IN A YEAR I'D GO BLIND.
WHAT KIND OF A THING IS THAT TO SAY?

AYU?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN THAT BATH, GIRL?
AYU?!

AHHHHHHHH
AH...
AH...
Closed Due To Insolvency

YOUR EYES? YOUR NECK? YOUR HEART? YOUR GUT? TELL ME WHAT THOSE STUPID CARDS SAY!
TELL ME WHERE THIS ARROW IS GOING TO LAND. LET'S HEAR HOW THE WITCH IS GOING TO GET HERS! WHAT'LL IT BE?
EVEN A LITTLE CHILD COULD TELL MY FUTURE NOW.
I DON'T HAVE TO READ TO KNOW

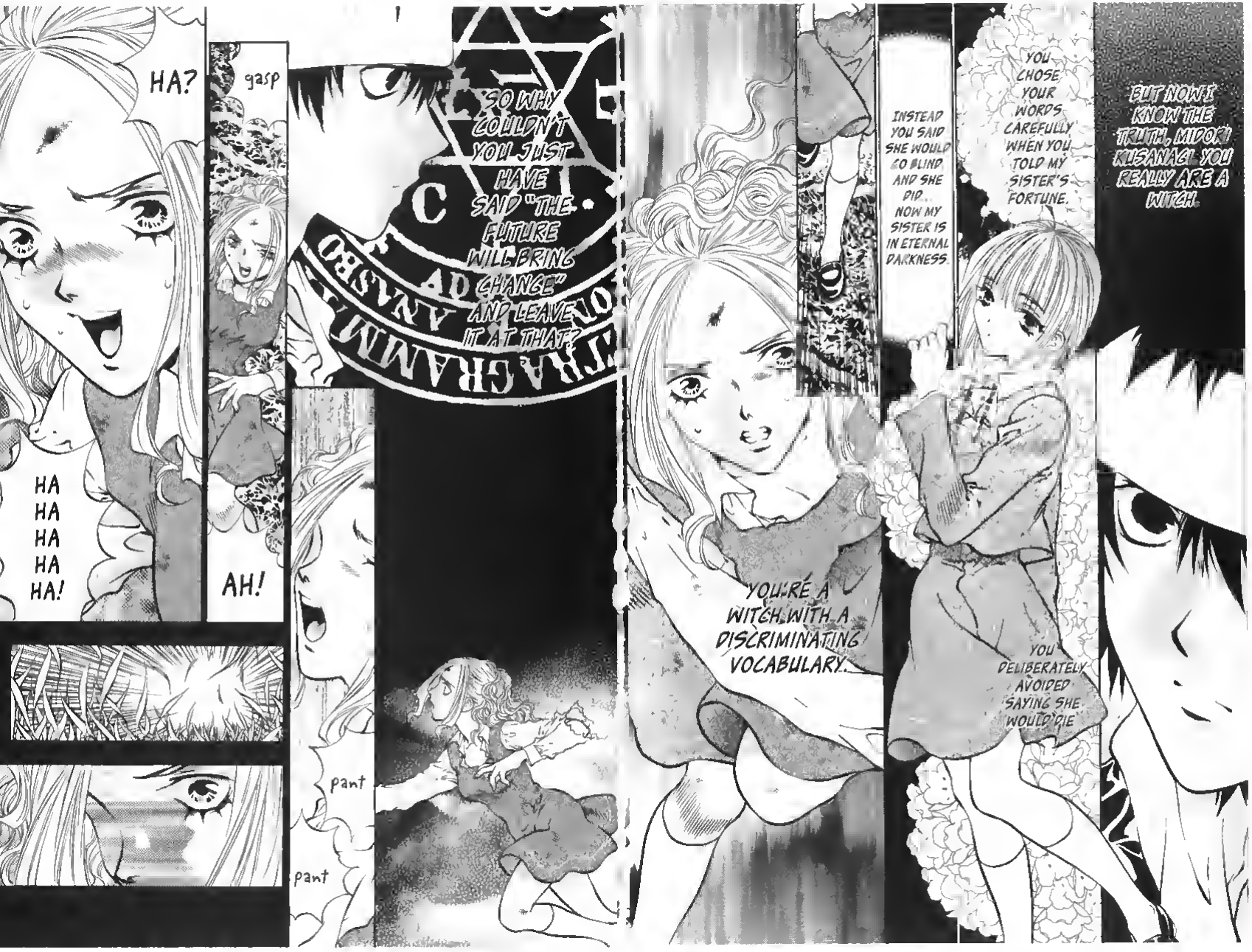
IT WAS YOU AND ALL YOUR DAMNED TAROT CRAP THAT KILLED HER!
AYU --!!
ALL-ALL I DID WAS READ THE CARDS.
SHE ASKED ME TO READ SO I READ
WELL, THEN, READ WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT YOUR LIFE, WITCH! RIGHT NOW! I WANNA HEAR!

AND I NEVER PREDICTED DEATH FOR YOUR SISTER...
BUT NOW IT HARDLY LOOKS LIKE EITHER OF THOSE WILL COME TRUE! I'D SAY A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THOSE TWO IS PRETTY MUCH OUT OF THE QUESTION, WOULDN'T YOU?!
I'M JUST A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WHO LIKES TAROT CARDS! ALL MY PREDICTIONS ARE WRONG! SEE?!
I'M NOT A WITCH! WHY CAN'T YOU BELIEVE THAT?!

I...I CAN'T...
MY PREDICTIONS AREN'T REALLY THAT GOOD.
AND WHATEVER I SAY, HE'S GOING TO SHOOT ME...!
BULL'S EYE, WITCH!
WHAT?!
THAT GIRL, SATOKO... THE CARDS TOLD ME SHE'D BE A GREAT ACTRESS. AND MUTSUMI WAS SUPPOSED TO OPEN HER OWN BOUTIQUE.
JUST TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOU.

AH, FORGET IT.
IF YOU'RE NOT A WITCH, YOU'RE NOT A WITCH. I WON'T HURT SOMEONE WHO'S INNOCENT. GET OUT OF HERE. THE ROAD'S BACK THAT WAY.

THEN YOU'RE A WITCH POSER... SCARING PEOPLE WITH YOUR FAKE PREDICTIONS! THAT'S EVEN WORSE THAN THE REAL THING!!
AHH!
OH, MY SWEET BROTHER...


HA?
gasp
HA HA HA HA HA!
AH!
SO WHY COULDN'T YOU JUST HAVE SAID "THE FUTURE WILL BRING CHANGE" AND LEAVE IT AT THAT?
pant
pant
YOU'RE A WITCH WITH A DISCRIMINATING VOCABULARY.
INSTEAD YOU SAID SHE WOULD GO BLIND AND SHE DID... NOW MY SISTER IS IN ETERNAL DARKNESS.
YOU CHOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY WHEN YOU TOLD MY SISTER'S FORTUNE.
YOU DELIBERATELY AVOIDED SAYING SHE WOULD DIE
BUT NOW I KNOW THE TRUTH, MIDORI KUSANAGI. YOU REALLY ARE A WITCH.

AND MUTSUMI WILL BE A GREAT SUCCESS.
SATOKO'S GOING TO BE AN ACTRESS.
BUT YOU'LL BOTH FALL INTO MISFORTUNE AROUND THE SAME TIME. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, HOLD ON, STAY THE COURSE, AND YOU'LL MAKE IT.
ARE WE GOING TO FAIL SCHOOL?
STAY THE COURSE. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
AHAHAHAHAHA!
JUST KEEP ON THE PATH!

YOU DIRTY LIAR! PHONY WITCH!

WHAT IS IT, YOU TWO?
N-NOTHING.
WELL, DON'T FALL TOO FAR BEHIND
"BE CAREFUL..."

pant
huff
huff
"A WITCH WITH A DISCRIMINATING VOCABULARY..."
THE FUTURE IS KNOWN... BUT THE PATH IS CROOKED...

GUESS THAT'S YOUR WAY OF CALLING ME A BAD SHOT.
WH- WHAT WAS THAT?
SOME- ONE FIRED SOME- THING

WAIT! NOT THAT WAY!

I JUST HATE SCHOOLGIRLS.
OH, IT'S NOT WITCHES I'M HUNTING-- NOT REALLY.
ボッボッ!!!
THEY SHOULD SEE BLOOD ONCE IN A WHILE THAT'S NOT ON A TAMPON
WHAT'S THIS... A WOMAN WITCH HUNTER?
YOU'RE THE WITCHES, I TAKE IT.

YOU ACT LIKE I'M DOING SOMETHING CRIMINAL!
第6話
woman
THIS IS ALL GAS-PELLET MACHINERY. PERFECTLY LEGAL. JUST SLIGHTLY MODIFIED

LET'S TRY AWAY FROM THE BULLETS!
RUN!
BUT WHERE?!
第5話 完

ARE YOU OKAY?
FORGET ABOUT ME, JUST GET AWAY! OUT OF THIS PLACE!
I SAID GO!
HURRRK

AH!

IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU, IT'S THE OTHER THREE.
THEY SHOULD THROW YOU OUT WITH THE TRASH.
I HATE SCHOOLGIRLS, LIKE I SAID.
AND DON'T EVER MAKE EYES AT MY BOY AGAIN, GOT THAT?
HELL HATH NO FURY LIKE A GIRL SCORNED AND ALL THAT.
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BUT YOU'RE NOT THAT TOUGH!
GET DOWN, YOU DISGUSTING GOTH!
THINK YOU'RE SO COOL!
ばばば
THAT'S NOT HOW SOMEONE ACTS WHO'S REALLY BEEN HIT.
I DON'T LIKE BOYS WHO PLAY DEAD.
YOU'RE NOT EVEN CURSING GET REAL
NO SCREAMING, NO CRYING.
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE EXPERIENCED. WHAT'S YOUR GAME?

TELL YOU WHAT...
SAY YOU'RE SORRY FIFTY MORE TIMES AND I'LL LET YOU GO
YES, OKAY. I WILL!
FOR-GIVE ME! PLEASE...
I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY, I'M SO--
FORGIVE ME!

I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT GLOATING FACE. I LIVED FOR THE CHANCE TO TWIST IT UP.

OH... OH...
sniff
sob
YOU OKAY? IS ANYTHING WRONG?
O.W.W!
YEAH SOMEONE OWES ME FORTY-SIX I'M SORRYS"!
--RRY I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SO--

I'M...
AGGK!
...MPP...
WHY'D YOU STOP? YOU OWE ME FORTY-SIX MORE "I'M SORRYS"!
COME ON, LET ME HEAR IT! I'M WAITING!
...I WAS JUST GETTING STARTED

INTERESTING ONLY THERE'S ONE THING ABOUT SADISTIC SERIAL KILLERS ..
SO I GUESS THAT MAKES YOU A MAN.
THEY'RE NEVER FEMALE WOMEN JUST DON'T HAVE THE HEART FOR IT.
WHAT ARE YOU--?
BUT YOU'RE NOT THAT TOUGH
THINK YOU'RE SO COOL

AND THEN?
...ON THE INTERNET?
AND THEN I WAS ONLINE AND READ ABOUT THIS LOVELY WITCH HUNT.
I GOT TWENTY MORE I WAS COUNTING
I STILL NEED TWENTY-SIX TO MAKE AN EVEN FIFTY
MAYBE I COULD GIVE YOU TWENTY-SIX SORRYS AND CLEAR THE DEBT
THAT'S SWEET, BUT IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY.
BUT FROM WHAT I READ ON THE WEB, I FIGURE I CAN GET DOZENS TODAY.
IT HAS TO BE SCHOOL-GIRLS...CRYING SCHOOLGIRL TEARS WHEN THEY SAY IT.

WITCHES! WITCHES! HUNT THE WITCHES!
WITCHES! WITCHES! TORCH THEM ALL!
WHAT THE--?
WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY?
I KNOW THE REASON YOU'RE NOT HITTING ME?
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!

WELL I'M NOT LETTING THESE HAGS SLIDE! THEY'RE WITCHES!
DEFENDING THE SCHOOLGIRLS! IT FIGURES!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT DEPRAVED STUFF THEY'RE INTO...WHAT VULGAR IGNORANT WENCHES THEY ARE. THEY'RE CUTE LITTLE GIRLS SO YOU JUST LET IT SLIDE!

BUT WITCHES ARE STRONGER UP HERE. THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE WITCH'S HABITAT.
THE SECOND SIGIL OF SATURN... IT WILL SEAL THE FATE OF THE ENEMY BY RAISING THE DEAD...
yEEooWW!
yEEE!

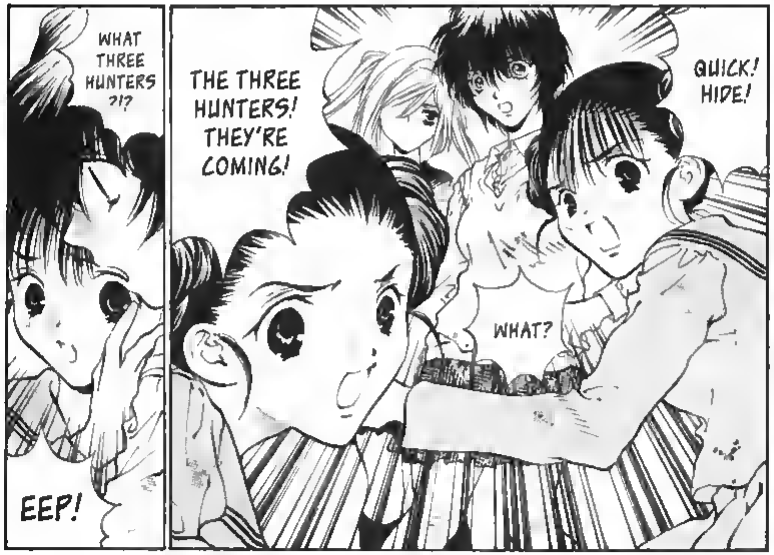
WHY...?
I'M A WITCH IS WHY.
BUT YOU NEVER REALLY BELIEVED IN WITCHES.
YOU'RE JUST A SICK KILLER.
YOU FIGURED THIS WAS YOUR CHANCE. NO WITNESSES UP HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS.
YOU'D GET ALL YOUR SICK KILLING OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM. HUNTING PEOPLE LIKE ANIMALS OR INSECTS

UWWAAA!
GAH!

BUT WE'RE LIVING IN MODERN TIMES. THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW.
WITCHES MAY HAVE HAD TO TAKE THEIR KNOCKS BACK IN THE DAY. BURNINGS... DROWNINGS.
AH HH!

BUT YOUR LIFE'S ON THE LINE, TOO.
YOU WANT TO HUNT, GO RIGHT AHEAD. HAVE YOURSELF A BLAST.

THE PROBLEM NOW IS US.
I'M SURE HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF.
WHAT DO WE DO? WHERE DO WE GO?


WHAT THREE HUNTERS ?!?
EEP!
THE THREE HUNTERS! THEY'RE COMING!
WHAT?
QUICK! HIDE!

MAKOTO WILL BE ALL RIGHT...

WE GOT TO GET AT LEAST ONE, JUST TO KEEP FROM BURSTING.
YOU WANT TO GO HOME BLUE BALLED AND EMPTY HANDED?!
THAT PERVERT!
IS IT TRUE WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE? IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE'S NAME, YOU CAN PUT A CURSE ON THEM?

CRAP! THIS HURTS!
AND I GOT NOTHING TO STOP THE STUPID BLEEDING!
COME ON, LEECH. LET'S CALL IT A NIGHT AND GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL
YEAH, BUT THERE'S OTHER HUNTERS, TOO
WE ALREADY GOT ONE CATCH SNATCHED AWAY FROM US
BOTH OF YOU SHUT UP! NIGHTMARE, SKELETON, HA! GIVE ME A BREAK!
WITH SIX WITCHES OUT HERE AND THEM RIPE FOR THE TAKING?! NO WAY!

第7話
wizardry(魔術)

YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE THE REAL NAME TO CAST A SPELL.
I CAN BLOCK THE CURSE OF AN ENEMY I SUPPOSE IN SOME WAYS THAT'S A CURSE.
CAN YOU SEE, NAGISA?
CAN YOU HEAR, YUNAGI?
BUT IT WON'T WORK WITH THIS BUNCH. THEY'RE USING THOSE FAKE NICKNAMES.
I BELIEVE SHE'S GOING TO TELL US...
第6話／完

PLEASE. YOU GIRLS.
THIS MAN. HE KILLED ME.
THIS MAN IS A MURDERER.
GIVE ME MY PEACE.
PLEASE, PLEASE ...
HELP ME. AVENGE MY DEATH. KILL HIM.

IT'S BEEN THIS WAY FOR A VERY LONG TIME...
DON'T LOOK, NAGISA
DON'T LISTEN, YUNAGI.

SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS?
THESE TWINS, THEY HEAR SECRETS FROM THE DEAD.
BUT NOW MISS CHIAKI IS PART OF THAT REALM.
WE ONLY GET PREDICTIONS FROM THE OTHER SIDE.
SOON TO FALL PREY TO THE HUNTERS, UNLESS CHIAKI CAN NAME THEM.
YOU'RE SURE THEY'RE COMING FOR US?
SHE'LL TELL US. VERY SOON.

NO! GO AWAY!
I MUSTN'T LOOK.
SO HELPLESS, TO BE SO CONNECTED TO THOSE ALREADY DEAD..
I MUSTN'T LISTEN
WHAT? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

MITSUYOSHI ARITA
AKIHITO IMAI
AKIRA TSUCHIDA
SOMEONE—OR SOMETHING JUST SAID MY NAME.
NAH.
YOU HEAR SOME-THING?
SOMEONE CALL US?
THEM! THEY KNOW MY NAME!

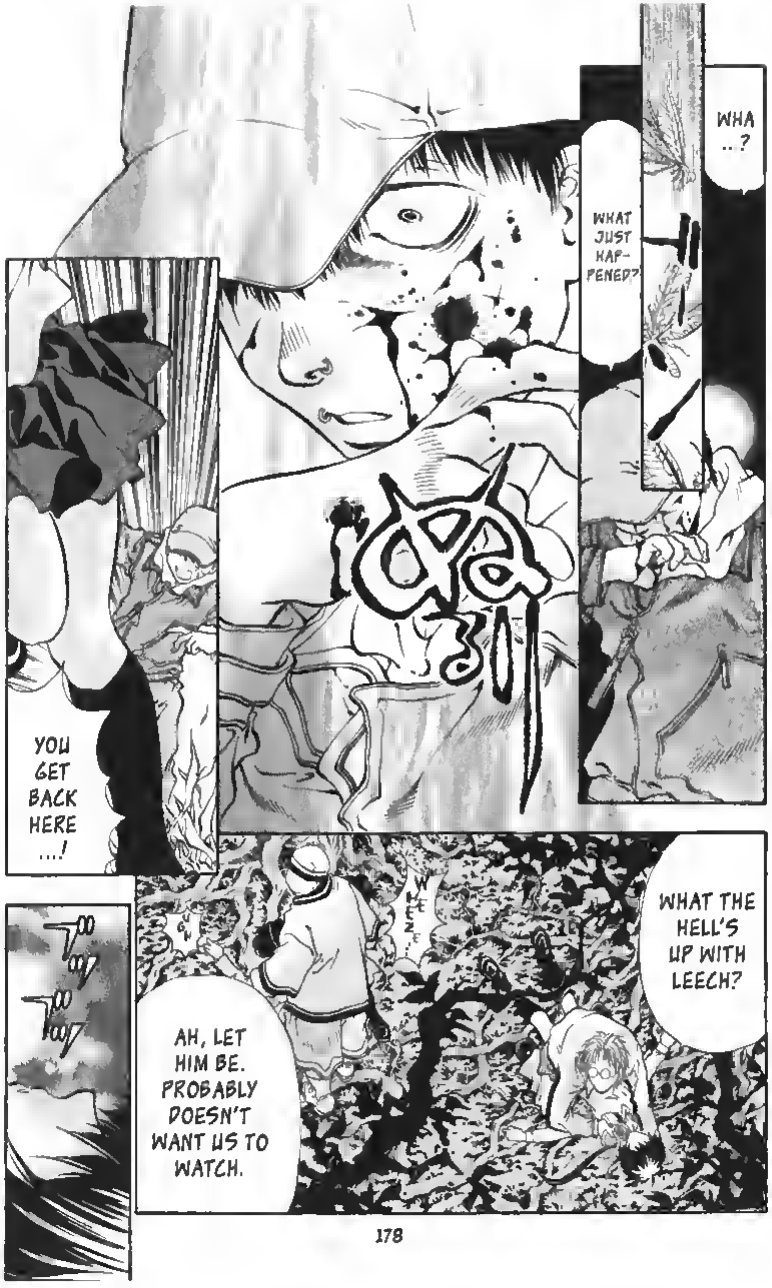
ALL RIGHT, THEN.
TELL US THEIR PROPER NAMES...
TELL US, CHIAKI KIRIYU...
TELL US THE NAMES OF THOSE THREE MEN.
SPIRIT OF CHIAKI, USE ME AS YOUR MEDIUM. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE..
?!

MISS KISARAGI, SHE SAYS THEY'RE COMING!
OHN ORIKEWRITI MARRITY MEIWAH-YA SHIMAREY SOWAKAH.
OHN ORIKEWRITI MARRITY MEIWAH-YA . !
MISS KISARAGI!
Fuu

Mitsuyoshi Arita
Akira Tsuchida
Akihito Imai
ビ!
OKAY 21 VERSES TO BEGIN THE CURSE, 21 BUDDHIST CHANTS, 17 PRAJNAPARAMITA MANTRAS, WITH 3 PLEAS TO THE ELEVEN-FACED GODDESS OF MERCY.
PLUS 100 ANICHASO-WAKAS.
THAT'S A SIMPLIFIED VERSION, BUT IT SHOULD WORK.
OHN ORIKEWRITI MARRITY MEIWAH-YA SHIMAREY SOWAKAH...

PEEK-A-BOO!
AARRGH
HI, LITTLE WITCHES! READY FOR SOME FUN?
Noooooo-

OHN ORIKEWRITI
OHN ORIKEWRITI
SHIMAREY SOWAKAH...
SHIMAREY SOWAKAH...
MARRITY MEIWAH-YA
MARRITY MEIWAH-YA
AND WHAT ARE YOU MUTTERING ABOUT?
LITTLE NOTHING SCHOOLGIRL, I SHOULD GRAB HER IN NO TIME.
BUT I... I CAN'T CATCH UP...
WHAT'S UP WITH THE GRASS? THE BUGS?


WHA ...?
WHAT JUST HAP-PENED?
YOU GET BACK HERE ...!
WHAT THE HELL'S UP WITH LEECH?
AH, LET HIM BE. PROBABLY DOESN'T WANT US TO WATCH.

WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
RINKO!
SHIMAREY SOWAKAH.. SHIMAREY SOWAKAH..
SHUT UP! SHUT IT NOW, DAMMIT!

THIS IS ALMOST LIKE
CHASING A WITCH!

WHAT THE HELL?! WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!
YOU SAID IT WAS FUN TIME, SCUM BAGS?
RINKO!

SHIMAREY SOWAKAH...
WH-WHAT THE--MN? SUDDENLY I CAN'T MOVE...?
MPPP!

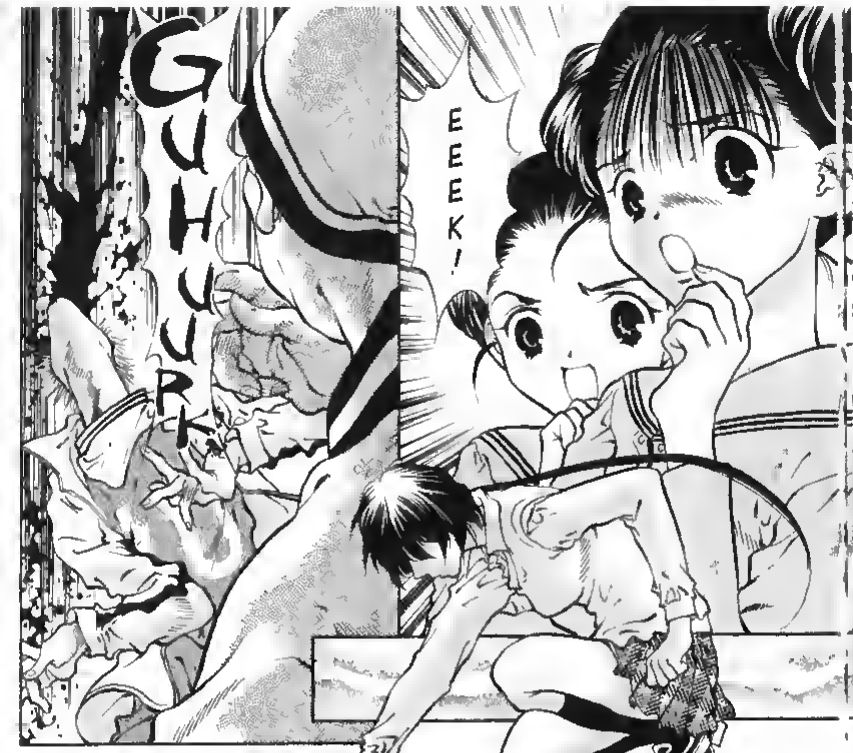
SURE. YOU CAN WALK BACK TO OUR CAR WITH US.
YOU TWO KNOW THE WAY BACK?
TH-THAT WAS JUST, LIKE, JUST KIND OF A GOOF...
AND THIS...?

STOPPP!
No!
oH!
AHH!

Y-YEAH, IT WAS LEECH! HE FOUND IT ON THE INTERNET, AND WE JUST WENT ALONG. YOU KNOW, LIKE A JOKE.
LOOK, W-WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS STUFF!

RINKO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO--?
WE'LL LEAVE QUIETLY, OKAY?
WE'RE ALREADY HURT.

KATSUKI .. NO..!
SO YOU KILLED MIDORI...!
FROM THE SEVEH MANHERS OF THE SWORD DEMOH SPIRITS. HEAR MY WORD. LORDS OF MISCHIEF. KIHGS OF THUHDER TAKE THESE THREE BEFORE ME UHDER AKIRA TSUCHIDA AND AKIHITO IMAI MITSUYOSHI ARITA, IN TORMENT TO LIE...
EACH ONE SOON COUGH OUT HIS BLOOD FALL LIKE WASTE ONTO THE MUD RAGIHG WIHDS FROM ALL AROUHD THEIR BODIES MASH, THEIR ORGAHS POUHD...!!


GUHUUR
EEEK!

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A KILLER, DO YOU? YOU'RE STILL JUST A KID!
P-PLEASE! STOP!

SOMETIMES I'M NOT EVEN OF THIS WORLD!
I'M NOT THE SCHOOLGIRL YOU THINK I AM!

WHAT'D THAT CHICK JUST SAY...?
ULP ...!
KYAAA!

INNOCENT W -

VOLUME 1 - END

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第7話 完

WHAT?
And he's a sturdy six-footer
PLUS IT'S TOO TIGHT. I CAN'T RELEASE THE BOW.
UH, THE TARGET WAS DOWN HERE
WILLIAM TELL, YOU'RE NOT!!
WAIT. MAYBE IF I DO IT LIKE THIS...
OOPS.
ボト
かく
SO WE WERE TOO SCARED TO EVER TEST THE BOW GUN AGAIN.
WELL, THEN, WHAT'S THE POINT OF HAVING A SAFETY?!
"DO NOT TRUST THE SAFETY TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL FIRING."
Instructions
THEN WHY'D YOU FIRE THE THING?
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKED!
YOU FORGOT TO PUT THE SAFETY ON!
I DON'T KNOW. LOOK AT THE INSTRUCTIONS.
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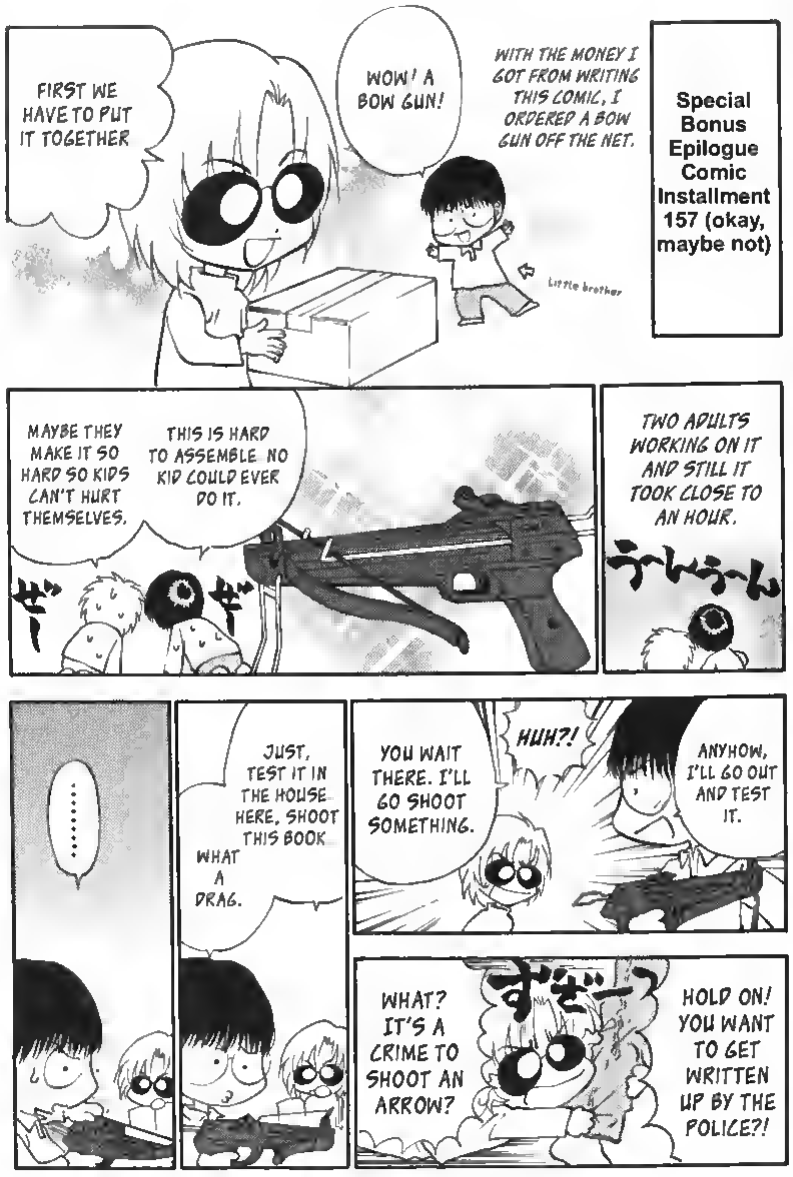
FIRST WE HAVE TO PUT IT TOGETHER
WOW! A BOW GUN!
WITH THE MONEY I GOT FROM WRITING THIS COMIC, I ORDERED A BOW GUN OFF THE NET.
Little brother
Special Bonus Epilogue Comic Installment 157 (okay, maybe not)
MAYBE THEY MAKE IT SO HARD SO KIDS CAN'T HURT THEMSELVES.
THIS IS HARD TO ASSEMBLE. NO KID COULD EVER DO IT.
TWO ADULTS WORKING ON IT AND STILL IT TOOK CLOSE TO AN HOUR.
うーんうーん
.....
JUST, TEST IT IN THE HOUSE HERE, SHOOT THIS BOOK
WHAT A DRAG.
YOU WAIT THERE. I'LL GO SHOOT SOMETHING.
HUH?!
ANYHOW, I'LL GO OUT AND TEST IT.
WHAT? IT'S A CRIME TO SHOOT AN ARROW?
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HOLD ON! YOU WANT TO GET WRITTEN UP BY THE POLICE?!

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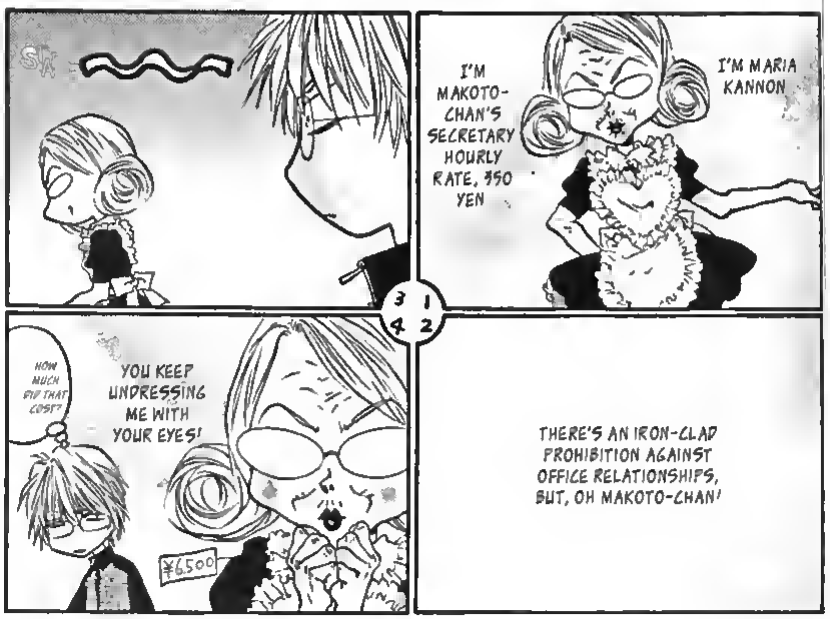

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